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FOLLOWING REPEAT BOMBAY 2045 DTD AUG 13, 1975 RECEIVED NEW DELHI
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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR MISHRA'S STATEMENT TO DISARMAMENT CON-
FERENCE JULY 31.

REF BOMBAY 2044

1. UNDER COVER LETTER AUGUST 12, IAEC CHAIRMAN SETHNA HAS
SENT US COPY OF TEXT OF STATEMENT MADE BY BRIJESH MISHRA,
INDIAN AMBASSADOR TO DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, ON JULY 31. IN
REFERRING TO THE STATEMENT, SETHNA STATES "YOU CAN SEE FOR YOUR-
SELF THE DISTORTION WHICH HAS OCCURRED IN THE PRESS."

2. TEXT PARA 10 OF SPEECH WHICH AFFORDED BASIS FOR PRESS
COMMENTS WE HAVE SEEN FOLLOWS: "ANOTHER VIEW WE HAVE HEARD,
AGAIN NOT FOR THE FIRST TIME, IS THAT THERE SHOULD BE A
MORATORIUM ON PNS'S BY ALL STATES NUCLEAR WEAPON OR
NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON. IT IS HELD THAT SINCE PNE'S DO NOT
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PROMISE IMMEDIATE BENEFITS NO MATERIAL LOSS WOULD BE SUFFERED

FROM THEIR SUSPENSION. MY DELEGATION IS CERTAIN THAT SUCH A MORATORIUM WILL OPERATE TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES NOW IN THE PROCESS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. WE WANT TO EXPERIMENT WITH PNE TECHNOLOGY AND PERFECT IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE NOT IN THE FORTUNATE POSITION OF SOME INDUSTRIALIZED NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES WHOSE RICHES ALLOW THEM TO PICK AND CHOOSE. GIVEN FEASIBILITY WE MUST USE WHATEVER COMES OUR WAY TO LIFT OURSELVES FROM THE DEPTHS OF POVERTY. AND WE DO NOT HAVE ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD."

3. IN CONCLUDING, MISHRA STATES "THE ARMS CONTROL IMPLICATIONS OF PNE'S, IF ANY, ARE INSIGNIFICANT COMPARED TO THE REAL AND MOST URGENT PROBLEM OF A COMPREHENSIVE BAN ON NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTING... AS FAR AS THE QUESTION OF REGULATING THE PNE'S IS CONCERNED, IT CAN ONLY BE TAKEN UP AFTER ACHIEVING A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN."

4. ASSUME WASHINGTON AND OTHERS HAVE TEXT MISHRA STATEMENT BUT CAN CABLE IF DESIRED. WILL POUCH COPY EMBASSY DELHI.
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